



# STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR  
PATTY JUDGE, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
EUGENE I. GESSOW, DIRECTOR

## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 796

April 1, 2009

**TO:** Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinic Providers

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

**RE:** Coding Services Provided During the Encounter

**EFFECTIVE:** April 15, 2009

Because performance measures, such as preventive health visits or oral health services, are becoming more common under more recent federal reporting requirements, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise is requesting that all Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC) not only bill the encounter code on line 1 of the claim form, as is otherwise already required, but to also include the appropriate CPT/HCPCS/CDT codes on the additional claim lines.

The IME expects those additional claim lines would report the services that are actually rendered on a given date of service. For the lines with the codes other than the encounter code, please provide the number of units per procedure and place "0.00" in the charge box. The lines will deny but the information will be able to be read and used in reports.

This will enable the Medicaid program to more completely report services to CMS and other entities, as required, and which are looking at reporting and accountability measures in the Medicaid program. This release is effective immediately for dates of service after April 15, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us)